(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b)
The Government has been taking appropriate action against hoarders, black marketeers and profiteers under the Essential Commodities Act which include arrests, prosecutions and convictions. Selective credit controls are in operation to prevent speculative use of bank advances in respect of price sensitive essential commodities. Limits of stocks in respect of edible oils and oilseeds have also been reduced.

Progress made in regard to St. Kitts FIR

1914. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has bnen made in regard to St. Kitts FIR; and

(b) whether any arrests have been made pursuant to the FIR?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) 53
files/documents have been collected and 15 important witnesses have been examined in this connection, so far.

(b) Two arrests have been made, so far.

Drawing of excess "Duty draw back" on exports by M/s. Bata India Limited

1915. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Bata India Limited had claimed and drawn excess "duty draw back" on their exports ; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that on detection of this, the Government had imposed penalty on Bata and also started prosecution against them; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bata India have come forward for settlement and that the matter stands settled with Bata India, if so, what are the terms of settlement;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government have waived the penalty and have dropped prosecution in this case; and

(e) what are the other companies with whom Government have made settlement in last two years; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir, Excess Draw back of Rs. 98.57 lakhs approximately on export of rubber/canvas footwears was claimed and drawn by misdeclaring the proportion of consumption of duty paid synthetic rubber and non-duty paid natural rubber in the export product for the period 1-9-77 to 31-8-84.

(b) On detection of the case the Government issued a show cause notice and adjudicated this case. No penalty was imposed nor was any prosecution launched.

(c) Yes, Sir. M/s. Bata India offered and paid back the entire drawback claimed by them immediately and categorically admitted their mistake for having raised incorrect drawback caim and sought forgiveness from the Government. They therefore, requested that department proceedings and prosecution be dropped.

(d) Yes, Sir, In view of the prompt repayment and unconditional apology by the party.

(e) There are no other companies* with whom Government have made such settlement in the last two years.:

Completion of Rajghat and Bansa-gar Inter-State projects

1916. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajghat and Barnagar inter-State projects would not be completed within scheduled time for want of adequate funds ;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by the Central Government for making available adequate funds;

(c) when the works of dam and canal system of the above projects are likely to be completed;

(d) whether any time bound pro-gramme has been prepared for the payment of land compensation and rehabilitation of oustees; and

(e) if so, what progress has so far been achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the meetings of Betwa River Board and Bansagar Control Board held at New Delhi on 11-8-1990 the participant States agreed to provide adequate funds for the revised programme of completion of the dams as below:

Rajghat Dam by June, 1993

Bansagar Dam by June, 1995

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Upto June, 1990 land acquisition has been done in 61 out of 86 villages in Betwa and 77 out of 258 villages in Bansagar whereas rehabilit-Ition grant has been paid in 33 out of 45 villages in Betwa and 45 out of 108 villages in Bansagar projects.

Show Cause Notice issued by Assistant Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur to M/s I.T.C. Limited

1917. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. I.T.C. Limited have filed a writ petition in Allahabad High Court against the demand of approx. Rs. 80 crores issued by the Assistant Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur; if so, when the writ was filed and what is its present position;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for a considerable time there was no stay on recovery of the amount of Rs. 80.30 crores;if so, for which period there was no stay against the said demand; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to recover the dues from M/s. I.T.C. Limited in the absence of any stay order by the Court stating the reasons for non-recovery of the dues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRT ANTL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir. The High Court has delivered the Judgement in favour of the Department on 9-8-1990. Cent-al Agency Section has filed a Caveat in the Hon'ble Suoreme Court to prevent M/s. I.T.C. Li-mited from obtaining *ex-parte* stay.

(b) Yes, Sir. The High Court granted stay in January, 1990.

(c) No firm action was initiated against M/s. I.T.C. Limited for realisation of the arrears during the pcr'od when there was no stay because the writ petition was pending in the High Court and the